



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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NI *et al.*) Confirmation No. 1025
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Application No. 10/652,622) Group Art: 1635
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Filed: August 29, 2003) Examiner: Schnizer, Richard A.
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FOR: DELIVERY OF PHYSIOLOGICAL AGENTS)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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July 16, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following arguments. In the Office Action, the Examiner set at three-month period in which to reply. As such, enclosed with this Response is a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee, which extends the due date to July 23, 2008. Therefore, this paper is timely.

Also enclosed with this response are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the references cited therein. The fee for this Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.